(e) whether the scheme is approved and guaranteed by Government; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, what action is taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. An advertisement in the name of M/s. Turrant Sanchar India Ltd. has appeared recently in some newspapers offering telephone connections, on demand, in Delhi for Rs. 2500/- under the privatisation programme of M.T.N.L.

(b) There is no scheme for provision of telephone connections on demand in Delhi for Rs. 2500/- as claimed by the advertiser. However, there is a scheme of providing telephone connections from Direct Inward Dialling EPABXs under franchise scheme. Under this scheme, telephone connections can be provided, only in multi storeyed (4 storeyed and above) buildings within 500 m. of location of EPABX and from separate EPABX in private compounds enclosed by a fence or a wall and through which no public roads pass. From the extension users a security deposit of Rs. 2500/- and a monthly rental upto Rs. 100/- is charged.

(c) The scheme as advertised by the firm does not exist.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply at (c) above.

(f) A public notice clarifying the position of M.T.N.L. *vis-a-vis* M/s. Turrant Sanchar India Ltd. has been issued on 14.7.95. Further, the matter is subjudice as one of the applicants to the advertised scheme has filed a suit against the advertiser before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Establishment of a Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan

*289. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra had requested the Central Government for establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan by amending the Constitution;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that Maharashtra State Legislature had passed a unanimous Resolution on this issue; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Discussions on the issue have been held recently between the Home Minister and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. As various legal and constitutional complexities are involved in the issue, it would not be possible to lay down a definite time-frame to finalise this issue.

Allocation of Match-Wax

*290. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria followed by the Ministry regarding allocation of Match-Wax to different States;

(b) whether any Match-Wax has been released to the State of Haryana in the last three years; if so, what quantities and on what basis; and

(c) by when the present demand of the State of Haryana for a regular supply of Match-Wax is likely to be met and what shall be the quantities for the forthcoming quarters of this year and next year?